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Confessions:

Mondays: 7:00 to 7:25 pm (St. Mary) Saturdays: 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (St. Mary) Saturdays: 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm (Holy Trinity)

Sacraments

Baptism:

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements **Anointing:**

Please call to make arrangements with a priest

Marriage:

Couples who are registered members of the parish should contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance of the intended date.

Office Hours

All parishioners are welcome to call or visit us at either office.

Avon Catholic Community Office Hours

Mon - Fri..... 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Holy Trinity)
Tuesday......8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (St. Mary)
Thursday......12:30 to 4:30 p.m. (St. Mary)
*Office closed daily from 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Bulletin Information

Send all Bulletin inquiries to: <u>bulletin@avoncc.org</u>

The deadline for information is Monday at 12:00 pm



MASS INTENTIONS		
	HOLY TRINITY	ST. MARY
Mon. Jan. 20	MLK DAY	
	No Mass at HT. 9 a.m.	Mass only at St. Mary
9:00 A.M.		Paul Drda (Family)
Tues. Jan. 21	St. Agnes	
7:45 A.M.	Ed Mieskowski (Jim & Michele Mieskowski)	
Wed. Jan. 22	Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children	
7:45 A.M.	Don Nagel Jr. (Family)	
8:30 A.M.		Joan Sutter (Frances & Clement Hren)
Thurs. Jan 23		
7:45 A.M.	Morning Prayer	
7:30 P.M.		Parish All Souls
Fri. Jan 24 St. Frances de Sales		
7:45 A.M.	Tom Martin (Family)	
8:30 A.M.		Parishioners
Sat. Jan 25		
8:30 A.M.		Parish All Souls
4:00 P.M.		Joan Sutter (William & Pauline Miller)
5:00 P.M.	Living & Deceased Fathers of Holy Trinity	
Sun. Jan 26 3nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
7:30 A.M.	Patricia Minnich (Frank & Maureen Konya)	
8:00 A.M.		Carol Sandy (Family)
9:00 A.M.	Tom & Angela Murphy (Family)	
10:00 A.M.		(Attila) George Szocs (Family)
10:30 A.M.	Parishioners	
Noon	Cathy Horst Herda (John Herda)	Parishioners

A Flourishing Apostolic Church, a letter from Bishop Malesic

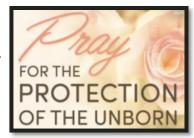
Bishop Malesic has written his first pastoral letter as the bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland. He encourages the faithful to pray, celebrate the sacraments and serve those in



need. Bishop Malesic outlines his writings are to provide a resource for reflection that draws us into a deeper prayer and intimate relationship with Jesus. The letter is comprised of four sections of which each will build upon the next, much like St. Paul's letters. **To read this online visit:** dioceseofcleveland.org and scroll to the second section where the title appears (directly on the home page). Additionally, you may scan the QR code below.



On January 22, we join Catholics across the world for a Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. We invite you to reflect upon these prayers:



- -for the life of the unborn
- -for medical professionals and researchers
- -for advocacy for life

Prayer from Pope John Paul II on this day:

Please God, may you continue, closely united with one another, to be a force of renewal and hope in our society. May the Lord help you to work ceaselessly to enable all believers and non-believers alike, to understand that protection of human life from conception is an essential condition for building a future worthy of the human being. Amen.



Please note that on MLK Day, Jan. 20, Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. at St. Mary. There will be no Mass celebrated at Holy Trinity.



DISCIPLESHIP DIGEST with desi

Did you hear the very first line of the second reading today? 1 Corinthians 12:4, "Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

In this scripture, St. Paul tried to explain to the Corinthians the many gifts of the Spirit. I personally feel St. Paul's words each day as I interact with our parish community. Please know, we are all created with unique gifts. Those gifts that have been part of us from birth and those that have been imparted to us by the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps some of St. Paul's audience back then thought they were insignificant or had talents not worthy to share. The message from back then remains the message today: God is counting on you to use what He has given you. If you don't, who will?

With the Ministry Fair taking place in February, I have invited Karen Schneider, Avon Catholic's leader of Children's Ministry, to share more on opportunities and information she'll provide on this ministry at the February 27 Ministry Fair. May her words help you ponder your gifts of the Spirit and encourage you to attend this event next month!

Desi

Desi Gould, Director of Evangelization

Hello, Avon Catholic parishioners. Kids today are busy, and so are their parents. As a mom of four, I get this. My evenings are often filled searching for a lost ballet slipper, running to Drug Mart for another stretchy book cover, and throwing food in the air fryer, calling it dinner. It's all too easy to lose Jesus in the shuffle. How do we teach our kids to unplug, look up, and see Him whose love for us knows no bounds? Come join me February 27, and together we can discover how.

Avon Catholic's Children's Ministry, inspired by the Holy Spirit, will be led by a grassroots group of parents, just like you. Our organization will be kid focused, ages preschool through fifth grade. We will gather, pray, serve, create, connect, play, and grow. We need your help to make this possible. As all busy parents know, it's difficult to prioritize faith without a team of supportive people. Will that team be

made up of your creative ideas, your helping heart, and your loving family? Come and see the joy your gifts will bring others. Like Desi mentioned, if not you, then who? I hope to see you at the Ministry Fair, and bring the kids...tell them we will have games and prizes!

Karen

Karen Schneider, Children's Ministry









to take control of your life and find deeper

on the same journey.

unity with God – and a brotherhood of men

What to expect at the Avon Catholic Ministry Fair on Thursday, February 27 from 6—8 p.m. at Tom's Country Place:

- -Smiling faces will greet you at the door and provide a booklet of ministry opportunities to explore. The booklet will have contact names of ministry leaders and a brief description of offerings and activities.
- -Complimentary beverages and appetizers will be available throughout the evening. A coat room to store winter coats or other personal items will be open.
- -Many ministry groups will have raffle items at their table. Each week prize opportunities will be announced in the bulletin leading up to the event.
- -Much like a college fair, job fair, health expo or more, the evening is designed to allow parishioners to flow through the event space, table by table to discover the variety of ministries to learn what might be a compatible fit to contribute personal time, talents, and faith.
- -This is a family-friendly event, children are welcome.

Exciting Announcement: Avon Catholic VBS

Registration Opens Soon!

Get ready for Avon Catholic's True North

VBS, an unforgettable Alaskan adventure, as
we explore Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!

Dates: June 23-27, 2025
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: Holy Trinity School
Registration: Opens at the Ministry Fair on
February 27, 2025, at Tom's Country Place
(Children's Ministry table).

Embark on a journey through majestic mountains, where kids will deepen their faith and learn what it means to trust in Jesus. Limited spots available – this fan-favorite program sells out quickly!

Don't miss this wild summer adventure!





Exodus 90 begins TOMORROW for a 90 day period of prayer, asceticism, and brotherhood designed to deepen your relationship with God and strengthen your spiritual resolve. From engaging Bible studies and small group discussions to dynamic events like Men's Night, the ministry invites men to grow as leaders in their faith, families, and communities. **Scan the QR code to register.**

There is still time for Angel Scholarship!

The Angel Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance for students to attend our Catholic schools. Donors receive a **100% Ohio income tax credit** of up to \$750 (\$1,500 for married couples filing jointly) against their state tax liability. In other words, the state of Ohio allows you to "spend" some of the state income taxes you must pay anyway to provide tuition assistance for students seeking an education in our Catholic schools.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pray for the Sick at Holy Trinity:

Tina Doss Abshire Thomas Ackim Greg Bierek Kelly Callahan David Carroll Mary Christner Mark Fox Matt Gould Kelly Konya Theresa Lattimore Janice Leemans Marguerite Morphey Patrick O'Toole Paula Parker Cathie Pleischl Chad Rawlings Regis Saltis Tom Shaughnessy Robert Shinko Amanda Shultzberger Brittany Snahnican Vinny Thomas Mary Travagliante-Bloss Paul Tremblay Venla Urig Jennifer Varga Shirley Zalac and for all of our homebound parishioners.

Pray for the Sick at St. Mary of the Immaculate

Conception: Anne Benisek ■ Kurt Cummings ■ John Good ■ Edie Healan-Pepin ■ Kaylee Sanders ■ Martin Wilczenski ■ Judith Wilczenski and for all of our homebound parishioners.

We are currently updating our St. Mary's "Pray for the Sick" list. If you or a family member would like to be placed on our prayer list, please call the Parish Office to submit your request.



Please Pray For Our Troops

Pray for our Troops from Holy Trinity:

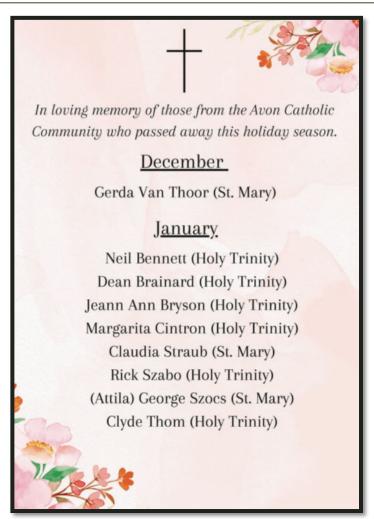
Patrick Bergen Paul Bohnert John Camp Ethan
Cutright Cayden Fischbach Dillon Franciscus
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Shawn
Komora Alex Leigh Jacob McCann Matthew
O'Donnell Dominic Opron Hannah Price Katie
Schlather Michelle Kennelly Sweeney
Daniel Vrablic
David Vrablic
Ethan Williams

Pray for our Troops from St. Mary:

Amber Derryberry ■ Gabrielle Greszler ■ Richard Greszler ■ Tres Greszler ■ Riley Oldenburgh

We invite all families to include their sons and daughters to our prayer list. Please call the Parish Office with their name and branch of the military. You can also email the information to: bulletin@avoncc.org.

We thank them and you for your sacrifice.





Catholic Charities is dedicated to helping families and parishes of the Los Angeles area in recovery efforts from the recent wild fires. 100% of donations made to Catholic Charities USA will support families and church communities in need.

Visit ccusa.gives/LAFires to donate.



UPCOMING ORGAN CONCERT Jan. 24 @ 6:30 p.m. St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Organist Mark Slatter will host this month's complimentary organ concert on January 24 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception. Song selections will be from composers during the Renaissance and Baroque time period.



Thanks to a Rooted-in-Faith grant from the Catholic Community Foundation at the Diocese of Cleveland, and additional donations and fundraising efforts, a new, stained-glass window has been installed during the school's Christmas break. Since the lights stay on in that vestibule, it lights up beautifully at night and can be seen driving by the Parish Center. We will be having a special blessing and dedication ceremony during Catholic Schools Week.





Time † Talent † Treasure

Dec. & Jan. collections will be reported next week.







Parish Directory Books have ARRIVED!

For parishioners that had their photo taken and selected to participate in the parish directory booklet, directories have arrived and are available for pick up. Directory books are labeled with each parishioner name and are located in the sacristy. Stop by to pick up your directory.



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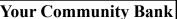
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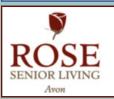


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